

NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 27.

Review.

Golden Text.—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness. (Matt. 4:23.)

1. The Boyhood of Jesus.—An ideal boyhood is portrayed in the words of Luke concerning Jesus, which tells us that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Let us direct the attention of every growing boy to the example of Jesus Christ as the one perfect pattern.

2. The Preaching of John the Baptist.—The great burden of John's message was a call to repentance. To every class of people he made the same appeal, urging them to forsake their sins, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. The world needs to-day the same earnest call as was uttered by John the Baptist.

3. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.—From the baptism of Jesus we learn the lesson of implicit obedience to our heavenly Father's will. From his temptation we learn the blessed truth that he, having been tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, knows how to sympathize with us perfectly in every time of trial.

4. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth.—The rejection of Jesus at Nazareth is a warning against the peril of knowing Jesus as an historical character without accepting him as our personal Saviour. There are many at the present day who are treating the Saviour with as great contumely as those who thrust him out of the city of Nazareth.

5. Jesus Calls Four Disciples.—It was an exalted privilege which Andrew, Peter, James and John enjoyed, namely, that of being the personal disciples of Christ. We also have a high responsibility, for we are all called to be fishers of men. May God enable us rightly to win souls for the Master.

6. A Sabbath in Capernaum.—We may regard the Sabbath which Jesus spent in Capernaum as furnishing an indication of how Jesus spent all his Sabbaths. We may find in it also an illustration of the way in which we ought to spend all our Sabbaths.

7. Jesus Forgives Sin.—Sin is a universal malady. Jesus is the great Physician, who stands ready to heal our souls, if we come to him in faith, believing, as did the paralytic of old.

8. Jesus and the Sabbath.—In this lesson we have further light upon the way in which the Sabbath should be observed. Jesus emphasizes the need of being in the right spirit, and lays down as a universal principle the statement that it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath.

9. Hearers and Doers of the Word.—The culmination of the Sermon on the Mount is found in the practical teaching that, to be saved, we must be doers as well as hearers of the Word.

10. Jesus Calms the Storm.—There is a beautiful suggestion in this incident. Human life is full of storms, but Jesus can still the fiercest tempest that ever beat upon a human soul, and bring us at last into a haven of peace, if we will only entrust ourselves to his care.

11. Death of John the Baptist.—History is full of instances of martyrdom to duty. The death of John the Baptist furnishes a shining illustration of devotion to righteousness, which should nerve and stimulate us all to noble endeavor.

12. Jesus Feeds the Five Thou-

sand.—It was a wondrous act of power to feed the multitude as Jesus did, while he was here upon the earth. But still more wonderful is his abiding provision for the needs of all humanity, to whom he offers himself as the true Bread of Life.

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